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UM BAND CONDUCTOR TO ENTER NEW FIELD

Dr. David Whitwell will resign as conductor of bands at the University of Montana at the end of the school year to study for a career in professional conducting, Dean Charles W. Bolen of the School of Fine Arts announced.

Dr. Whitwell has decided to leave the academic field but has not yet decided where he will seek training for his new profession, the dean said.

"We are very sorry to lose the services of such an outstanding faculty member," Dean Bolen commented, "but I am confident that the qualities that have won him national recognition as a college conductor will assure his success in his new undertaking."

"Since joining the faculty in 1963, Dr. Whitwell has built the UM Band into one of the finest in the nation, as attested by its selection as one of six invited to perform at the National College Band Directors Association convention in Ann Arbor, Mich., in February," the dean said. "The band's appearances in Ann Arbor and in eight other cities during its recent tour of the Midwest and the East brought the School of Fine Arts letters of praise from all over the country."

Dr. Whitwell is widely known as an exponent of music originally composed for wind instruments, and under his baton the UM Band has performed 63 consecutive concerts of original music, according to Dean Bolen. During Whitwell's tenure the band has also acquired new instruments and uniforms, obtained new scholarships, and grown in size to more than 90 members.

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A cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan, Whitwell earned a Ph.D. in musicology from Catholic University of America during the four years he served as associate first horn with the U. S. Air Force Band in Washington, D. C. He has given French horn recitals in all but 12 states and, under the auspices of the U. S. State Department, in seven Latin American countries.

Not yet 30 years old, he is the youngest conductor ever made an honorary life member of Kappa Kappa Psi, national college band fraternity. He is president of the Northwest Division and a member of the national board of directors of the National College Band Directors Association. He is the author of articles in professional journals and a member of the board of advisers to the Instrumentalist.